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PRESS

BY A NORTHEN NEGRO

Under the heading: "A Northern Negro Writes On South," a fine Alabama weekly newspaper, "Our Southern Home," of Livingston recently carried the following article:

"The following was written by Davis Lee, a Negro and publisher of the Newark, N. J., Telegram. His paper has a mid-million reader in the South. He wrote the following:

"'I have just returned from an extensive tour of the South. I met both Negroes and whites in the urban and rural centers. Because of these personal observations, studies and contacts, I feel that I can speak with some degree of authority. I am certainly in a better position to voice an opinion than the Negro leader who occupies a suite in down town New York and bases his opinions on the distorted stories he reads in the Negro press and in the Daily Worker.

"'The racial lines in the South are so clearly drawn and defined there can be no confusion. When I am in Virginia or South Carolina I don't wonder if I will be served if I walk into a white restaurant. I know the score. However, I have waited into several right here in New Jersey where we have civil-rights law, and have been refused service. The whites in the South stay with their own and the Negroes do likewise. This one fact has been the economic salvation of the Negro in the South. Atlanta, Ga., compares favorably with Newark in size and population. Negroes there own and control millions of dollars worth of business. All the Negro business in New Jersey will not amount to as much as our race has in one city in Georgia. This is also true in South Carolina and Virginia.

"'New Jersey today boasts of more civil rights legislation than any other State in the Union, and State government itself practices more discrimination than Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, or Georgia. New Jersey employs one Negro in the motor vehicle department. All of the States above mentioned employ plenty.

"'No matter what a Negro wants to do, he can do it in the South. In Spartansburg, S. C., Ernest Collins, a young Negro, operates a large funeral home, a taxicab business, a filling station, grocery store, has several stores, rung a large farm and a night club.

"'Mr. Collins couldn't do all that in New York. The only bus lines operated by Negroes are in the South. The Safe Bus Co., in Winston-Salem, N. C., owns and operates a hundred. If a Negro in New Jersey or New York had the money and attempted to obtain a franchise to operate a line he would not only be turned down, but he would be lucky if he didn't get a bullet in the back. The attitude of the Southerners toward our race is a natural psychological reaction and aftermath of the Civil War. Negroes were the property of these people. Certainly you couldn't expect the South to forget this in 7 or even 100 years. That feeling has passed from one generation to another, but it is not one of hatred for the Negro. The South just doesn't believe that the Negro has grown up. No section of the country has made more progress in finding a workable solution to the Negro problem than the South. Naturally Southerners are resentful when the North attempts to ram a civil rights program down their throats.

"'The entire race program in America is wrong. Our approach is wrong. We expend all our energies, and spend millions of dollars trying to convince white people that we are as good as they are, that we are equal. Joe Louis is not looked upon as a Negro but the greatest fighters of all time. Joved and admired by whites in South Carolina as much as by those in Michigan. He convinced the world, not by propadanga and agitation, but by performance.

"'Our fight for recognition, justice, civil right and equality should be carried on from within the race. Let us demonstrate to the world by our living standards, our conduct, our ability, and intelligence that we are the equal of any man, and when that shall have been done then the entire world, including the South, will accept us on our terms. Our present program of threats and agitation, makes enemies out of our friends.'"

RECOVERY IN THE RUHR

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

In all the disturbing news from Europe, it is pleasant to note the encouraging reports of steel and coal production in the Ruhr.

Coal production has now risen to more than 300,000 tons a day, which is very close to the prewar normal of 128,000,000 million tons a year. Steel production in June was 378,000 long tons, a 71 per cent increase above June, 1947.

Steel production is now at the annual rate of 4,500,000 tons. This is less than one-fourth of the Ruhr's long peak with coal production approaching normal, steel production should continue its swift rise. More and more bombed plants are being restored to working condition.

The new industrial measures placed in effect in the Ruhr with the economic consolidation of the British and American zones of occupation are bearing fruit.

WORSE THAN THE BLITZ

Staunton News Leader

What would you think if you were told that in a single year fire loss in the United States was as great as the estimated property damage done in Great Britain during two years of the terrible German blitz?

You might doubt the accuracy of the statement. But the truth is that 1947 waste was actually 75 per cent greater than the loss England suffered in two years of blitz attack. And it was about twice as great as the damage done in the San Francisco fire which, after 40 years, is still remembered as one of the most disastrous conflagrations in history.

CANDID COMMENT

Wall Street Journal

The domestic philosopher wants to know whether husbands gaze so wistfully at the dress shop window dummy because it is so shapely, or so quiet.

ADVANCEMENT

Kansas City Times

When Dolly quit her first husband and married a man in the firm who drew a larger salary, she didn't consider it a divorce. She felt it simply was a promotion.

More Virginia counties ask Gov. Tuck to call special session of the General Assembly to take action on funds for schools.

French budget may be reduced by new cabinet and taxes raised.

President Truman abandons plan for lengthy Southern political tour.

Army plane crash kills six at New Orleans.

Big Four parley on the Italian colonies began Monday.

Senator Vandenberg called into meeting with Secretary Marshall on Berlin crisis.

Enlistments heavy since starting of draft registration.

Hyderabad is invaded by army from India.

Communists allegedly set Berlin "X" Day.

Old Belt leaf markets open with prices ranging from $52 to $66 per hundredweight.

Bermuda is hit for five hours by hurricane.

Nation still beset by strikes of truckers.

Millions in China are reported as homeless.

Play safe—drive carefully.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE, Acts 13:26-41; DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans

For a Better City

Lesson for September 19, 1948

"FOR A BETTER CITY" is a good slogan. No one would think of objecting to it. If the great city of Ephesus, capital and metropolis of the wealthiest and most thickly populated province of the Roman Empire had had a chamber of commerce, no doubt they would all have been in favor of a Better City. There would be no argument about that. The question is: What makes a city better? Four different ideas on that question—two very bad ones and two good ones—can be seen in the story of Acts 19.

by Foreman

You should read the story itself before looking over these comments. They are beginning toward the end of the story with the very lowest and silliest of the four ideas how to make a city better. It is a very simple idea: Just "holler." Yell make a demonstration. Make it long, make it loud, and the city will be the better for it. For two mortal hours that absurd mass-meeting kept the uproar going. "Great is Diana of the Ephesians!"

A curious thing, the mob-mind. If something is true, how can noise make it truer? If a thing is a lie, how can all the shouting in the world make it respectable? But the mob-mind thinks that if a thing is said loudly enough and by enough people, it is bound to be true. So that theater-full of fools wasted a good afternoon shouting a lie into the deaf blue heavens. It did Diana no good. She was as dead as Marley's ghost, she had never lived, in fact. It was no use drumming up the decibels. Do you know people who think they can make your town better by shouting about it? It won't work. You can make a town or county famous if you shout long enough, but you won't make it better.

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Making Money

THE SILVERSMITHS there in Ephesus had another theory. The way they looked at it, the big thing is money. They used to make money selling their little silver shrines. Now this fellow Paul had come along, persuading people that hand-made gods are no gods at all, and the trade in "sacred" trinkets had fallen off. It looked like a bad year for the silversmiths. To make things better, they decided, they needed more money. More business! More production! The fact that what they produced was not only worthless but actually harmful, did not seem to bother them.

Do you know people like that today?

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Abiding By the Law

THE TOWN CLERK of Ephesus had a simple idea, vastly better than these other two. He saw no sense in the mass meeting, he seems not to have been taken in by the silversmiths' crocodile tears. If anything was wrong in Ephesus, he said, the courts were open, and trials were open, and trials could be held. We have laws—let us live by them; that was the gist of his idea. That is not bad advice.

All honor to the honest servants of the public who now as then give their best efforts to seeing that good laws are made and well enforced.

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Changing Lives

SPEAKING OF LAWS, there are three kinds of people in the world. One kind will not obey the laws whatever they are. These are the criminal classes. A second kind stay "inside the law" but they never advance a step beyond them. A third kind, too rare, will go far beyond the law's requirements in personal living and in social helpfulness.

Now Paul had been in the city of Ephesus for some months, and he had nothing to do with the laws of that city. Yet what he was doing was more effective in making that city better than anything the courts could have done.

For what he was doing was nothing less than changing men. "The trouble with people is that they're people," and the business of Christianity first of all is changing people. It is no use hanging out the slogan "For a Better City" unless you are working for better people.

A tree is no healthier than its roots, and a community's roots are the characters of her people. And from St. Paul's day to this, the one and only organization which sets out to change people from the inside, is the Christian church.

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Wallace backers claim will be on ballot in 44 states.

Surry County studies school opportunities by race.

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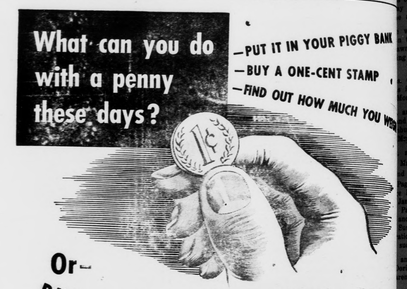
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...D. W. Martin, Sr. ...man were dinner ... Mrs. Bob Martin ...d A. M. Goodman ...afternoon.

...wish to express our appre... to all who helped to make ... party for Red Oak Church ...g fund a success last Satur...

...C. K. Wilkerson visited re... in Lynchburg Sunday night ...Monday.

...and Mrs. Earl Wilkerson and ...and Mrs. Jimmie Wilkerson, of ... Sunday with Mr. and ... Wilkerson.

...Bob Wells and ...and Mrs. Eugene Dunk... of children Mr. and Mrs. ...ance and Joan, Mr. and Mrs. ...d family; Mr. and ...Goggle and sons; ...Page, Mr. and Mrs. Albert ...d Ross visited T. L. ...Sunday on his 73rd birthday ...ation. We wish him many ...such happy occasions.

...and Mrs. Richard Lee Bass ...ris Lee spent Sunday with ...ents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. ...

...P. Owen and family visit... the home of Mr. and Mrs. ...Garrett Sunday afternoon.

...Charlie Nash, who has been ...ter parents, Mr. and Mrs. ...helps since a recent illness, ...ned to her home near Ap...

...and Mrs. Hubert Wilkerson ...aries and Miss Frances Mar... with Mr. and Mrs. ...gren at Sprout Spring.

...to Mr. and Mrs. John Durie ...girl, Essie May, September ...

...to Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wag... September 4th, a baby boy, ...

...to Mr. and Mrs. C. Roland ...e, of Richmond, a baby ... September 9th.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Mays, of Tennessee visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Durie.

Mrs. E. B. Martin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore.

Billy Johnston, Warren Martin, William Jones Walton and Winston Walton left Sunday to enter Lynchburg College.

Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson visited Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Martin Sunday.

Those visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Drinkard on Sunday afternoon were Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Moses, Jr., and Joan; Mr. and Mrs. Burnette Smith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Moore an family and Mrs. E. B. Martin.

Evergreen

Evergreen, Sept. 14.- The school here opened Friday with a nice enrollment. One good thing, the children don't have to get acquainted with the teachers as they are the same ones back again. Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were present for the opening of school, and Rev. Carter gave a nice talk.

Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham is visiting her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. James Cheatham, of Indianapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

D. T. Ferguson, of Lynchburg, is spending this week with his brother, A. B. Ferguson.

Rev. C. G. Carter preached a good sermon here at the Baptist Church Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Junior Blackwell spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Green Garrett.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Carter were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette Thursday night.

Rev. and Mrs. G. A. Chocklette and Mr. and Mrs. Thad Massie, of Newport News spent the week-end in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham.

Miss Madian Lee, of Phoebus, is visiting with friends at Evergreen this week.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette spent the day of her sister's husband.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples spent the week-end in Lynchburg, with their daughter, Mrs. Sam White and family.

Mrs. Mary Sullivan, of Lynchburg called Saturday P. M. to see her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Glover.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Paulette are the proud parents of a baby girl.

Miss Aileen McClenny, of Pamplin was visiting friends at Evergreen Sunday.

Paul Ferguson and two children, Betsy and Gregory, called to see Mr. and Mrs. Howard Glover and family Sunday.

B. M. Ferguson, of Lynchburg, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. C. J. Paulette this week.

Mrs. Edd Duffman, of Lynchburg spent several days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Evans moved into their new home in Lynchburg last week.

Miss Eulalia Glover was the Sunday dinner guest of Miss Betsy Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Clapp and daughter, of Richmond were the week-end guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cralle.

Miss Doris Garrett spent Sunday with Miss Doris Evans.

Mrs. L. L. Stewart is visiting her people in Southwest Virginia where she will attend the home coming at her old church while there.

Rocks

Rocks, Sept. 13.- Farmers have about finished cutting their tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond spent last week-end in West Virginia with relatives.

Vernon Marsh has returned home after spending awhile with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Martin and Donna, of Greenbelt, Md., spent a few days here last week.

Cassie Baldwin attended the W. M. U. Executive Board meeting at Ash Camp Baptist Church at Keysville last Monday.

Samuel Dickerson celebrated his 7th birthday last Thursday.

Miss Geraldine Ranson is working at a store in Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Ranson and daughter, Charlene, went to Norfolk Friday to spend a few days.

Benny Dickerson, of Alexander, Louisiana, arrived here last week to visit his mother, Mrs. J. W. Dickerson for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children went to Farmville Thursday.

Schools opened Friday.

The monthly W. M. S. meeting was held Sunday just after Sunday School.

Mrs. Wilson Almond and Odelle Ranson had charge of the program at the W. M. S. meeting One new member joined.

Quite a number from Rocks went to Appomattox Sunday for the baptizing.

Woodrow Fleshman, Witt Baldwin and son, Charles were the candidates from Rocks.

Mrs. Walter Ranson and Geraldine and Mrs. T. T. Richardson called to see Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond Tuesday.

Bobby Glover, of Petersburg is quite ill.

James Taylor is working in Elmo Baldwin's house.

Statte reports four more deaths in automobile accidents.

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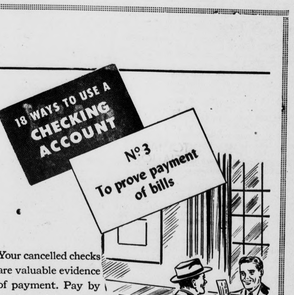
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